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| TO: | CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY and PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 17, 2014 |
| FROM: | LYNNE LIVINGSTONE MANAGING DIRECTOR NEIGHBOURHOOD, CHILDREN AND FIRE SERVICES |
| SUBJECT: | NEIGHBOURHOOD FAMILY CENTRE THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD LORD NELSON PUBLIC SCHOOL UPDATE |

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| RECOMMENDATION |
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That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director of Neighbourhood, Children and Fire Services, the following actions **BE RECEIVED** for information:

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| PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER |
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- Neighbourhood Family Centre, Thames Valley District School Board, Lord Nelson School – March 24, 2014
- Child Care Funding Formula Update – April 8, 2013 (Established Child Care and Early Years Childhood Development Reserve Fund)

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| BACKGROUND |
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On April 1, 2014, Municipal Council approved a Funding and Project Agreement between the City and the Thames Valley District School Board for the construction of a Neighbourhood Family Centre at Lord Nelson Public School. In the report to Council, the estimated cost, including contingencies, to complete the project was estimated as \$775,000, with the approved Source of Financing for costs from the 100% Provincial funding available in the Child Care and Early Childhood Development Reserve Fund. It was also noted that there were additional 100% Provincial funds available in the Child Care and Early Childhood Development Reserve Fund to fund unexpected cost overruns should they arise.

Following completion of the design of the proposed Family Centre in September 2014, the Thames Valley District School Board tendered the project. Seven tenders were received. The tendered cost was significantly higher than the amount originally estimated in February 2014. Factors contributing to the increased cost include the parking lot requirements of the City; unanticipated costs relating to outdated existing mechanical and electrical systems; higher per unit costing for roofing, windows, doors and masonry due to the small size of the project; and material cost escalation since February.

The revised total cost to complete the project is estimated at \$1,001,923. As indicated in the original report, the Source of Financing for the incremental cost remains the Child Care and Early Childhood Development Reserve Fund.

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| FINANCIAL IMPACT |
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The Source of Financing for this project at the revised estimated cost of \$1,001,923 is the Child Care and Early Childhood Development Reserve Fund. The total amount of uncommitted 100% Provincial funding currently held in the Child Care and Early Childhood Development Reserve

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Fund including accrued interest is approximately \$6.6 million. Therefore, the additional cost of this project can be accommodated from this reserve fund.

The City is required to report annually to the Province on how these funds have been spent. As these are 100% Provincial dollars, there is no City investment required for this project.

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